

## GERMANS BEGIN A NEW OFFENSIVE IN FLANDERS

AN ATTACK MADE  
UNDER GAS CLOUD

On the British Trenches North-west of Ypres by German Troops Fails.

## BRITISH TROOPS WITHDRAW

Position of Greece in the War is Still Regarded with Keen Interest by Both Sides.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Withdrawal of the British troops from the Anzac cove and Sulva bay regions of the Gallipoli peninsula is announced in a brief official communication given out here this afternoon. Beyond the statement that movement was effected successfully few details are given and no allusion is made to the Allied forces on the Seddul-Bahr at the tip of the peninsula.

Some indications of the long expected offensive by the Germans in Flanders, where the massing of Tonic troops is said to have been in progress for several weeks, is contained in official British and French reports which state that under a cloud of gas Germans attacked British trenches northeast of Ypres. According to these reports the Germans failed so completely that few of the Germans emerged from their own trenches and those who did so were mowed down by artillery fire.

The attack was delivered in the early morning. Later in the day the Germans displayed unusual activity directing a heavy bombardment on the British lines near Ypres, and on the French positions at Messines. Mines were exploded before the trenches at Armentieres, and German infantry attempted unsuccessfully to occupy the craters thus opened.

Along the remainder of the western front the interminable artillery duels continue with the French guns near St. Mihiel developing an intense fire. The Russian and Macedonian fronts so far as the public is advised are in a state of comparative quiescence. The position of Greece is still regarded with keen anxiety by both sides. The Gounnerri party is reported victorious in the Greek elections but the expected change in leaders is not accepted as implying a different military policy. England is impatiently awaiting the crossing of the Greek frontier to see whether Greece will leave the Saloniki area free for a struggle of which the Greeks would become passive spectators.

In Bulgaria the next step is the subject of warm debate. The official paper of Premier Radoslavoff declared the Allies must

be driven from Saloniki; whether by Bulgarians or Austro-German troops is a question for the military leaders to solve. The allies in Macedonia do not expect an early attack if the advance is left to the Austro-Germans as airmen report that the central powers have not yet gathered a sufficient force to undertake the offensive.

OFFICIAL AUSTRIAN  
REPORT ON THE WAR

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The official Austrian report of December 19 as given out here by the Overseas News Agency contains the following passage in regard to the campaign against the Montenegrins:

"The Montenegrins at some places held up their hands waving flags and advanced until they were near the Austro-Hungarian lines. There they suddenly threw hand grenades. This treachery found corresponding treatment. It always will be treated in the same way."

The official Turkish report of December 19 concerning the Mesopotamian campaign contains this substance:

"The enemy again used dum-dum bullets."

Neither of the foregoing passages appeared in the version of these statements as forwarded by cable from London.

FIFTY THOUSAND SERBS  
ESCAPE FROM TEUTONS

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Military circles in Sofia, says the Overseas News Agency, "estimate that 50,000 Serbians escaped the forces that were attacking them. Of these 30,000 are reported to have reached Scutari, making the effort without either artillery or baggage, at least one-third of them perishing."

The other 20,000, according to these estimates, marched into Albania, where a large number of them were killed by the Albanians.

"Only small contingents of the Bulgarian army were sent against these refugees and no further events of importance are anticipated in the theater of war, where they have been operating."

"In their campaign the Bulgarians, it is asserted, took 45,000 railroad trucks loaded with munitions, guns and various other supplies in quantities that had been obtained by Serbians from the Entente powers during the year previous."

SECOND NOTE IS  
SENT TO VIENNA

Contents Are Said to Be Virtual Reiterations of First Note to Austria.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Secretary Lansing announced today that the second American note to Austria on the sinking of the Ancona had been forwarded yesterday. While Mr. Lansing gave no intimation of its contents the note is understood to be a virtual reiteration of the original American demands, with the implication that it is the United States' last word on the subject.

The text of the note will be issued for publication in newspapers Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Lansing said. The note is about 600 words long and although characterized by those acquainted with its wording as firm in tone, is said to be somewhat less sharp than the first note of its demands. It is based squarely, according to these officials, on the Austrian admiralty's own version of the Ancona sinking, and while reference is made to American victims the reference is said to be more incidental than direct.

NARROW ESCAPE  
OF BELGIAN KING

And Queen from Death When Aviators Throw Bombs into Fishing Village.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Details of the narrow escape from death recently of the king and queen of Belgium when German aviators threw bombs on the fishing village, where the royal couple now reside, are printed today by the Petit Journal.

The king and queen were coming out of church from mass, says the paper's correspondent, when six German aeroplanes appeared. Apparently they were coming from Ostend. The king at once told the people to scatter and take shelter, but the aeroplanes approached so rapidly that few had time to comply with his instructions before the machines were over the village. Two bombs fell a few yards from the king and queen but they were not hit by the flying fragments. The correspondent continues:

"This is the sixth air raid which has been absolutely unjustified since the village is unfortified and is inhabited only by fishermen. What makes it worse is that the aeroplanes came from the section of the German front commanded by the prince of Wurtemberg, first cousin of the Belgian queen."

## PROTEST

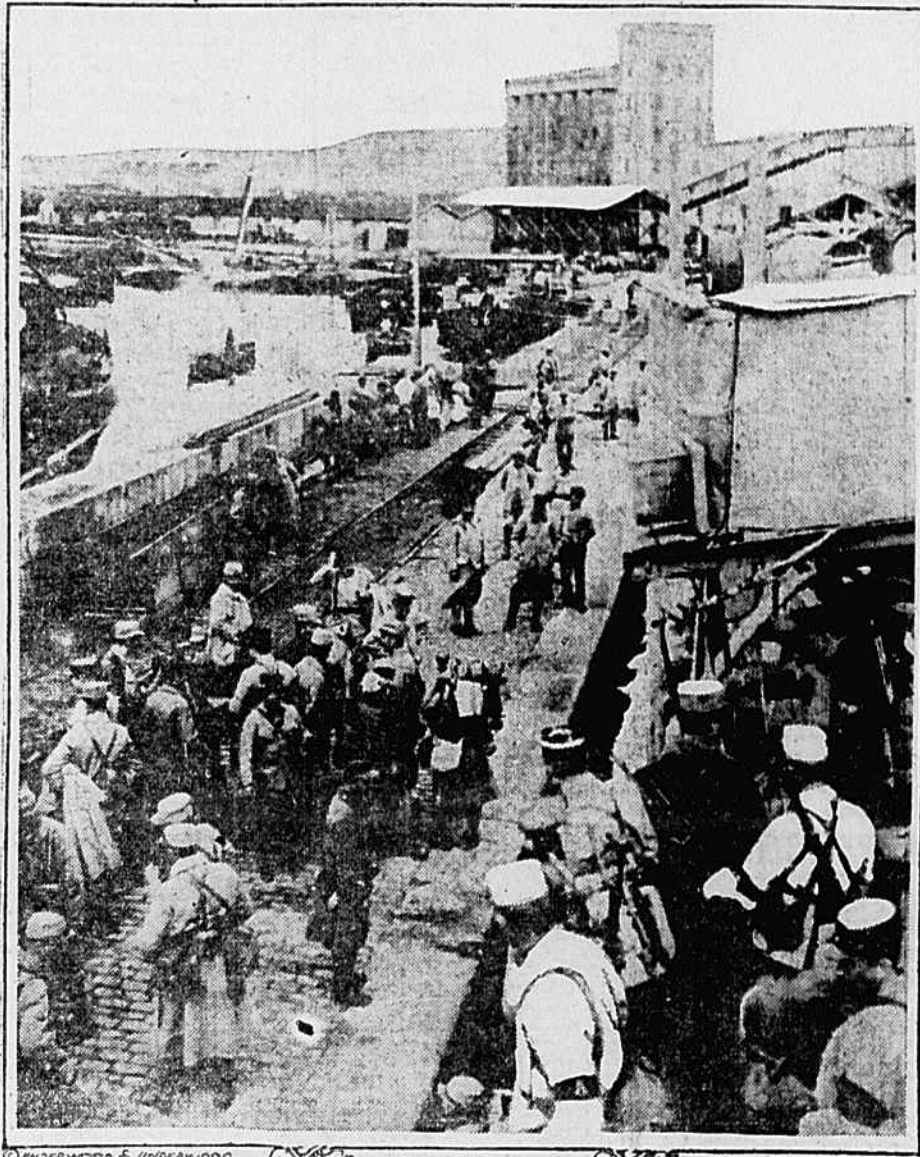
Is Made by Turkish Women against Increase of Prices of Life's Necessaries.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The opening of railroad communication from Turkey to Austria and Germany has resulted in a considerable increase in the price of necessities of life in Turkey. As a result a Havas despatch from Athens, Turkey women have organized meetings of protest in Constantinople which the despatch adds were dispersed by troops.

## KOREANS REJOICE.

SEOUL, Korea, Dec. 20.—The special coronation amnesty proclaimed by Emperor Yoshihito has caused considerable rejoicing in Korea especially among the relatives and friends of convicted people of whom 10,000 benefit by the amnesty. In the Seoul prison alone, which contains only male prisoners, 1,468 out of the total of 1,576 were either pardoned or had their sentences commuted.

## FRENCH SOLDIERS DISEMBARKING AT GREEK PORT OF SALONICA



Despite the fact that the allies have been driven completely out of Serbia, French and British soldiers continue to land at the Greek port of Salonica, which they are using as a base in their Balkan campaign. Photo shows French soldiers who have just disembarked from the transports along the water front of the Greek city.

## SEND NAMES AT ONCE.

All names of worthy and needy persons desiring Elks' Christmas baskets should be sent to H. Frank Horr, chairman, by Wednesday morning, December 22. Kindly give street address along with name.

## SCANDINAVIANS

Are Too Busy at Home to Accept Offers of Work in Other Countries.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 20.—The Scandinavian countries lately have been canvassed by agents from foreign countries trying to engage skilled laborers, especially for the manufacture of ammunition and soldiers. The result has not been very remarkable, as opportunities for skilled laborers at home are greater than ever. Only a few iron workers have left Norway for England to work in ammunition plants during the last six months.

The good labor conditions here will also affect the emigration to the United States—which is expected to be much smaller this year than in former years.

## ADAMSTON REPUBLICANS

Will Meet in Convention Wednesday and Name Ticket.

The Republicans of Adamston will hold a convention at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening in the Adamston school building for the purpose of nominating a ticket for the municipal election which will be held January 6. The call for the convention was issued by Frank L. Murphy, chairman, and D. H. Outright, secretary, of the Republican committee.

## PROGRESSIVE CONVENTION.

The Progressive party of Adamston will hold a convention in the school house there at 7 o'clock tonight, for the purpose of nominating a mayor, recorder and five councilmen, to be voted on at the town election to be held there the first Thursday in January, 1916.

## TAFT IS ILL.

LACROSSE, Wis., Dec. 20.—William Howard Taft is ill here today at the home of a former Yale classmate, George W. Burton. The former president contracted a severe cold on his way here to deliver a lecture. A telegram was sent ahead for a throat specialist to meet him upon his arrival last night.

## POINT ANNOUNCED.

The Western Union Telegraph Company announces that the interruptions to the lines in Persia between Teheran and Kerman.

MISS CAVALLE LEADS  
CONTEST FOR PICTURE

With only One Day Left to Decide Who is to Be the Telegram's Heroine.

With 925 votes, Miss Catherine Cavalle is leading the "Who Will Be Ruth" contest, and there is only one day left before it will be finally decided who will be the heroine in the motion picture to be produced in Clarksburg by the McHenry Film Company and shown at the Robinson Grand three days, beginning January 6. Miss Nell McLeod is second with 649 votes, and Miss Goldie Wilkins is third with 660 votes.

All are now on the anxious bench waiting for the final result and hoping that their candidate will be one of the successful ones to be in the picture. After the contest closes comes the excitement of taking the picture which will be called "The Man Haters."

Men in Picture. As there are several male parts in the photoplay, any young man with dramatic ability or ambition, who is a resident of Clarksburg, may get in the cast by sending his name, age, weight and height, at once to director Conklin at the Robinson Grand theater, or calling at the Telegram office Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Almost Closing Time. The last two days of the contest are at hand and the last coupon

will appear Tuesday and must be deposited in the ballot box at the Telegram office before 8 o'clock Tuesday night. Contestants are advised to get their votes in at the earliest moment possible and not wait until the last. As there will be hundreds of coupons to count and the judges wish to announce the names of Ruth and her eleven supporting girls Tuesday night.

The standing of all contestants follows:

Miss Catherine Cavalle	925
Miss Nell McLeod	649
Miss Goldie Wilkins	660
Mrs. G. N. Wine	575
Mrs. C. E. Brown	528
Miss Margaret Healey	430
Mrs. Florence Glaspeil	422
Miss Marie McKown	364
Miss Minnie Largen	360
Miss Hazel Gardner	328
Miss Mary Osborne	307
Miss Jewel Miller	240
Miss Otto Yates	230
Miss Exile Mae Frame	203
Miss Margaret Wilk	173
Miss Ruth Henderson	172
Miss Reba Cohen	156
Miss Helen Sims	133
Miss Velma Jones	130
Miss Marcel Nesbottle	120
Miss Lena Ora Smith	115
Miss Emma Milledale	112
Miss Stata Williams	101
Miss Aladine Bassel	100
Miss Susie Darquenne	100

REFUGEE ASYLUM  
ACCORDED VILLA

Final Arrangements Are Being Made for Villa to Enter United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—State department officials have decided that General Villa will receive the asylum accorded a political refugee should he enter the United States. This decision was sent last night to General Funston by the war department for transmission to Villa or his representatives.

State department agents had reported that alleged intermediaries had requested Villa's immunity from arrest, saying that if this was given Villa would abandon the fight against Carranza, and retire to private life in the United States.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS  
MADE FOR HIS ENTRANCE

EL PASO, Dec. 20.—Final arrangements for General Francisco Villa to

enter the United States, ending his participation in Mexican affairs, were to be made here at noon, according to information from authentic sources. Preparations to this end were begun upon report of Secretary Lansing's decision that Villa would be accorded asylum as a political refugee.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

By State Employees and Moving Picture Operators to Serve for Ensuing Year.

At a regular meeting of local union, No. 270 International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators held Sunday afternoon, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: John L. Jacob, president; S. B. Kershner, vice president; Hal Corbin, recording secretary; Fred L. Hess, financial secretary and treasurer; Earl Stutler, business agent; R. C. Davidson, sergeant at arms; W. Lee Byers, inner guard; and E. A. Jacob, trustee for three years.

"SAFETY FIRST"  
IS THE KEYNOTE

Of Addresses Delivered by Officials of the Local Traction Company.

## YEAR'S WORK REVIEWED

Big Gathering of Traction Motormen and Conductors in Empire Building.

"Safety first" was the keynote of the addresses delivered by officials of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company at a meeting of motormen and conductors of the system held in the offices of the Consolidation Coal Company in the Empire building Monday morning. About sixty-five motormen and conductors were present at the meeting.

Another meeting, along the same lines as the one held this morning, is to be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight. A much larger attendance is expected at the meeting, as a number of men, unable to be relieved from duty this morning, will be on hand.

Speakers at the morning meeting reviewed the work of the last year and made urgent pleas for elimination of accidents in the coming year. The idea conveyed by the speakers was that the men should exercise care to prevent accidents not only when the company is responsible, but when a mishap might occur through the negligence of a pedestrian, or driver of a vehicle.

Letters from prominent citizens congratulating the company on its good record for the last year were read. Among the writers of the letters were J. Carl Vance, Dr. W. P. Goff, Mayor G. H. Gordon, C. W. Dudderar and V. L. Highland. Officials of the company, residing in Fairmont, also wrote letters of congratulation, which were read at the meeting. In these letters was contained a request that every effort be made to eliminate accidents in the year 1916.

Mr. Highland's letter reads as follows: "Mr. W. J. Flaherty, superintendent, Monongahela Valley Traction Company."

"Clarksburg, W. Va.

"Dear Mr. Flaherty:

"I noticed in yesterday's paper that you expect to hold a meeting of the employees of the traction company on Monday December 20, and I want to take this opportunity to congratulate upon the splendid management of the traction company during the last year. The uniform courtesy and loyalty of the men in your employ speak well for the management and show that the men operating the cars have a high conception of their duty in the operation of a public service corporation. I have occasion to ride on the street cars almost every day in the year and have always found all of your employees courteous and careful in their treatment of their patrons and at all times loyal to the company which they serve."

"I am very glad indeed to give this testimony of the efficient management of your company from all the employees regardless of their position. I congratulate you and all the employees of the company and wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year."

"Sincerely yours,

"C. L. HIGHLAND."

Among the speakers at the morning meeting were W. J. Flaherty, superintendent; E. C. Bowman, general

superintendent; and O. L. Flowers,

assistant superintendent.

"Service is the keynote to success in any business," Mr. Flaherty told the men in his address, "and in the street car business it is the whole thing. The business engaged in is the carrying of passengers. The company has been granted privileges on the streets, roads and bridge, not for its personal benefit, but for the convenience and good it can render the public, and it is the desire of the officials of this company and should be of each employee, to give our patrons every consideration possible."

The program for the meeting tonight includes addresses by J. C. Watson, president of the company; E. B. Moore, general manager; E. C. Bowman, general superintendent, and W. J. Flaherty, superintendent.

## MARTIN RELEASED

From Custody under \$1,500 Bond for Appearance before Magistrate.

Robert Martin has furnished three bonds of \$500 each to appear in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, December 28, for hearings or trials on the following charges: First, for resisting arrest; second, for having whiskey in a public building; and the last for violating the prohibition law.

Martin was arrested recently by Deputy Sheriff Vannort, Siers and Wolfe shortly after he had arrived in the city on a passenger train with a suit case containing twenty-four pints of whiskey. He was first apprehended in the Fordyce building by Officer Vannort but escaped and ran to his home in the Williams building, where he and Vannort engaged in a fight in which Vannort shot Martin in the leg. Following this Martin escaped but was later apprehended on West Pike street and placed under arrest. He has been a patient in a local hospital ever since.

## BISSING TO RETIRE.

ROME, Dec. 20.—General von Bissing, German governor of the occupied portion of Belgium, is to retire from the governorship on January 1 on account of ill health, according to a despatch from Antwerp to the Correspondent.

## NEW ARM STUMP IS

## GRAFTED ON SOLDIER.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 20.—A new arm stump has just been grafted upon the body of a British officer, who lost both arms in action and came back recently with a group of exchanged prisoners from Germany. His arms were amputated so close to the shoulder as to leave no stumps.

One of the most brilliant of London's surgeons has now built out a new stump to which an artificial arm may be attached. He did this by taking out a piece of bone from the patient's leg and cutting a flap of skin from his body. Muscles were attached to the bone, so that the stump can be guided.

SPECIAL TERM  
COURT ORDERS

Are Directed to Be Entered and Some Important Opinions Are Handed Down.

At a special term of the circuit court Monday Judge Haymond Maxwell directed that a number of orders be entered and he handed down opinions in several important cases.

A decree of sale was entered in the case of J. W. Barnett, et al., against the Looman Oil Company, et al. Judgement for costs in favor of the defendant was awarded in the case of S. T. Rittenhouse against A. C. Rogers.

A motion for specifications of defense in the case of Abraham Carpar, et al., against Clarence W. McCormick, et al., was overruled. A verdict for the defendant returned at the last term of court in the case of Thomas W. Keese against Laura I. McKinley was set aside and a new trial awarded.

Demurrer was sustained and the declaration amended at the bar of the court in the case of the Farmers Bank of Shinnston, against Lillie M. Griffin, committee.

An order of dismissal was entered in the case of Edna Gould against James Subarth.

The cause of Ernest D. Lewis, administrator, against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company was dismissed.

submit the same to the court in lieu of a jury, was decided in favor of the petitioner.

In the cause of the Empire National Bank against Daniel W. Boughner's administrator report of special commissioner was confirmed and final decree entered.

Final decree was entered in the cause of James J. Connell against Alice M. Bartlett.

Two suits by Emma Bailey and James P. Ebert against Frank P. Corbin et al. were docketed from Monongalia county.

In the cause of Elizabeth V. Samples against the Grass Run Oil and Gas Company, the bill was dismissed. The suit was brought on the theory of the much discussed Jennings case from Doddridge county, in which the state supreme court held that an operating company to hold its lease must develop the same. The court in the case here found equity with the defendant.

The court held for the defendant in the cause of the Wallace Co-operative Store Company against L. Dove Martin.

In the cause of Calvin P. Howell against the Clarksburg Masonic Building Company, exceptions of the John O'Hare Plumbing Company to the commissioner's report were overruled, while exceptions of the Atlantic Terra Cotta Company were sustained and its claim was allowed.

In the cause of Effie Lynch against Lela M. Davis et al., the court held that Lela M. Davis was the sole owner of all and gas under her portion of the Margaret Randolph farm.